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GOD IS LOVE

THE PILLAR

THE TRUTH

God Is Present Everywhere

They who seek the throne of grace
Find that throne in every place;
If we live a life of prayer,
God is present everywhere.

In our sickness, or our health,
In our want, or in our wealth;
If we look to God in prayer,
God is present everywhere.

When our earthly comforts fail,
When our foes and fears prevail;
'Tis then time for earnest prayer,
God is present everywhere.

Then my soul in every strait,
To the Father come and wait;
He will answer every prayer,
God is present everywhere.

—By N. H. Williams, Jasper, Fla.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

I TIM. 3:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Notices

To whom it may concern: I take this means of announcing my whereabouts and manner of labor as an evangelist. My address for this Assembly year will be Essie, Ky. I am open for calls for revivals or to visit the sick. When writing me for prayer, please print your name and address, also send a self-addressed envelope and stamp.—Waldron Asher.

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To the Sunday Schools in Virginia: The state banner goes to Starkey for this month. Mt. Hebron was second, and Duty third. All clerks please encourage the Sunday Schools to collect Octagon coupons for the orphanage benefit and forward them to me regularly with your monthly report.—Marvin E. Porter, State S. S. Supt., Austinville, Va.

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The Lawrenceville district convention of the Church of God will convenè at Lawrenceville, Ill. December 10-13 in the local church building. All pastors, evangelists, exhorters, clerks and as many of the members as possible are expected to be present to represent each of the churches and the work of the district.

Brother J. R. Thomas, state overseer, will be present, we also expect other district ministers and workers to attend. We extend a cordial invitation to other ministers and workers to come and help us enjoy a wonderful time in the Lord.—Sincerely, C. G. Carder, district overseer, 318 W. Cherry, Olney, Ill.

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The following names have been selected for district superintendents for the Sunday School and Y. P. E's of South Carolina: Anderson district, Frank Dempsey, La France, S. C.; Greenville district, Mrs. Hazel Stancel, Greenville, S. C.; Blacksburg district, Miss Addie Martin, Box 183, Blacksburg, S. C.; Rock Hill district, Miss Margaret Jacob, Rock Hill, S. C.; Dillon district, Brother Hatcher, Dillon, S. C.; Laurens district, Carl Brewer, S. Greenwood, S. C.; Columbia, Warrenville, and Charleston district, Lonnie Shull, Columbia, S. C.; Walhalla district, to be supplied.

We have selected the ones we felt had the young people at heart and are sure that each one will serve for we must all work together for the Lord. We would like for each superintendent to call a rally on your district each month at a different church. Please check over all churches on the district and find out if each church has a Y. P. E. If not, we want you to organize one. I would also like for each church to have a Junior Y. P. E. Be sure to have all Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's to report each month.

Let's make the other states hustle for the national banner. Let's everyone work hard to make this year the greatest year the Church has ever known for the glory of God. Our Savior loved us so much that He gave His all for us. Why not let's give part of our time to see this good work go on? We feel like every pastor, officer, and member in South Carolina are going to help us in this great work for the Lord, so we can report a hundred per cent in everything this year. —C. F. Grant, 8 Front St., Saxon, Spartanburg, S. C.

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To our many friends and saints who would like to correspond with us. Our address is now 400 Robbins St., Cambridge, Md. I am pastor of the church here, also state mission treasurer for Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia.—J. A. Bixler.

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Others have, we can, Mississippi. Can we? Yes we can, if we will all work or even put forth an effort we can be one hundred per cent, so I am making an earnest appeal to you that we all work this year as never before to reach the one hundred mark first. Let us not wait until the year is half gone to start. Here we go.

MISSIONS

Let us be sure to raise the five per cent quota which the Assembly requires of us, and let us do more than that, every church raising all they can as this is a much needed and precious cause. Let us all do our very best and the Lord will help us.

AGED MINISTERS' FUND

Yes, they either directly or indirectly built the stand that we ministers are filling now and, now pastors, please raise this as early as you can. They have spent the best of their lives as warriors for the Lord so let us be loyal to them and the cause we love so well and raise 10c per member by the time the state convention convenes. Remember you may be on the aged list some day.

ORPHANAGE

They are depending on us, so let us in Mississippi not disappoint them, but send them something each month .

REVIVALS

Many are interested in how to hold a conference, but I feel we need to be interested in how to get a revival started and one of the best ways I have ever found is to fast and pray until the power of God begins to fall. Revivals are needed as this is the intake of the Church. When you need a meeting remember we have several precious ministers in the state who are ready for calls and if you will write us, we will get you in contact with some one. Let us get a revival started now and keep it going all the year.

STATE HEADQUARTERS

Yes sir, the Lord is helping us with this and if you don't think it can be built, the best thing I know for you to do is go into your secret chamber with the Lord and I feel He will tell you that other states have built state headquarters and camp grounds and Mississippi can if we will have a mind to work. You want to know how we can raise the money? Here is what the ministers who attended the ministers' meeting decided: first, each minister was assessed $2.50 each; second, the members of the Church of God throughout the state of Mississippi were assessed 25c each. Now members, if you are not near a church so that your pastor can tell you of this, just mail your assessment to the state headquarters treasurer. You do not have to just mail the 25c, but you have the privilege of giving all you will and the treasurer will place your name on the subscription list with dozens of others who have already subscribed all the way from 25c to $100.00 and numbers of these have already paid. Yes, even ministers are allowed to give donations, so come on now and let's get this built. Friends are also asked to help on this much-needed project. If you are not a member, but just a friend to the Church of God, your offerings will be highly appreciated by all and I am sure the Lord will bless you. The assessments on both preachers and laity are payable by January 1 and we also ask all who can, please mail yours in as early as possible, both assessments and pledges, as we want to go to work on the state parsonage, also tabernacle as early as we possibly can in order to get it ready for the state convention and camp meeting. Please co-operate with us on this.

Where will we build it? We do not know but will say we have several places offered (the land) and we have a committee of seven ministers appointed who will decide which is the most advisible place to build. If you have a proposition to offer, please mail it to us at once and the committee will be glad to consider it along with the many others. If you cannot give, please pray. The treasurer's name is Roy E. Blackwood, Morgantown, Miss. Please remember he will give you credit for all he receives. He will also read the names and donations of every individual at the state convention this year. Come on with a nice donation so we can hear your name along with the others, not merely to get your name on the list, but to receive a blessing for giving to a worthy cause. Our address has been changed from Hattiesburg, Miss., to Box 155, Eupora, Miss. We invite you to stop by when passing this way.—M. J. Headley.

The First Resurrection

By S. W. LATIMER, Editor & Publisher

I have been requested, by correspondence, to write a piece on the rapture. The word "rapture" is not found in the Scriptures but it is used in referring to Jesus' return to catch away His waiting bride and take her from this earth. It means an act of transporting, hurrying along. It is impossible to write on the rapture without taking up the theme of the resurrection and we will write first on "The First Resurrection." Our piece will be divided into two parts because it will be too much to get it all in one issue of the paper.

Text, Rev. 20:6, *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power."*

The Bible is written in types and shadows and we get the type of the resurrection from the Jewish harvest. In Ex. 22:29 we have the first advice given by the Lord to Moses. "Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits." Here Moses is advising the children of Israel God's will concerning the product of their land. In Leviticus we have a direct proclamation as to how they should offer their fruits. Lev. 23:10, 11. "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it."

Here are the firstfruits of the harvest. The resurrection began when Jesus rose, Matt. 28:1-9, and it will not be over until the tribulation saints are resurrected. They took the sheaf of the harvest first to the priest and he waved the sheaf to the Lord and blessed it. They kneaded the wheat after it was threshed and made loaves and this was for the priest only. Lev. 23:20. Then after the main harvest was reaped they took an offering of the best shocks of wheat and this was called the offering of the main harvest which represents the raptured saints spoken of in 1 Thess. 4:13-17. In Lev. 23:22 they are commanded not to reap around the corners of the fields, neither were the owners of the fields to gather any gleanings for they should be for the poor. This represents the tribulation saints. Not a grain or head of wheat was left after the gleaners followed the reapers. Every child of God who doesn't go in the rapture will be slain during the last three and a half years of the tribulation week and they represent the gleanings of the harvest.

All the references to the resurrection or the rapture in the Bible are taken from the types of the Jewish harvest. 1 Cor. 15:20-24, "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom of God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power." This was written by Paul who was a student of the Bible and he refers to Lev. 23 when he tells us that Christ became the firstfruits and afterward those that are Christ's.

In Matt. 27:51-53, we have these words, "And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." These are the saints who had died before Jesus was crucified, and at His resurrection they came out of the graves. This doesn't mean their souls and bodies were together in the graves, but it means that Jesus had power to bring forth their bodies and reunite them with their souls. These are the ones who accepted deliverance when Jesus went down into the bowels of the earth and preached to the spirits in prison and He brought them out. 1 Peter 18:22. The inference is that the spirits who were justified went down into this paradisaical realm and when Jesus came forth He brought them out and took them up to paradise, the abode of the soul, as He went up to this heavenly place.

There are so many things said about the soul, the glorified body, and the change. Of course, we will have our glorified bodies and they will be immortal, but one thing we notice is that the people knew them. This makes me feel sure that there will be a resemblance of the natural man. Now this doctrine is as old as the Bible. We read in Job 19:25-27, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." Job seems to understand that in the last days he will get to see his Lord and that as Jesus stands upon the earth, though Job's body has been destroyed by skin worms, he in his flesh shall see God. Job will be in his glorified body and though he will have his perfect body, yet he seems to possess the sense of sight and in fact the five senses of the body will be real.

In Dan. 12:2, 3 we have these words, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." This proves that out of the dust of the earth there is something there that God will bring forth. The righteous or they that be wise will come forth with great splendor.

All these scriptures prove beyond a doubt that there will be a resurrection of the body. Jesus tells His followers, John 14:19, latter clause, "Because I live ye shall live also." This has reference to His power to give life to the righteous saints. John 5:28, 29, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." Not all the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God at His return to raise the righteous dead and catch away the living saints, but it is plainly taught that there will be a resurrection *from*, that is, the righteous will come *out from among* the wicked dead. Rom. 1:4, "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." This proves positively that not all the dead will come forth at the time Jesus returns to take His saints away.

Paul in writing to the church, 1 Thess. 4:13-17, gives them a thorough explanation of the return of the Lord in glory, and he tells them that the dead in Christ shall rise first and we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep, for the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The resurrection of Christ is the argument, claim, and assurance of the resurrection of all believers for God has

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NEW CHURCH BUILDING AT KANNAPOLIS, N. C.

I have just received a letter from Brother H. L. Whittington stating that their new church in Kannapolis, N. C. is almost complete. This will be the finest church building in the movement and they expect to dedicate it to the Lord, free of debt, on Dec. 20.

Kannapolis is a beautiful little town owned by the Cannons. There are several large towel mills in the town. The saints at this place are certainly wonderful people and we rejoice with them as they dedicate and worship in their new church building. May God's richest blessings be with them.

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THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day has just passed and we hope everyone stopped long enough to praise the Lord for peace in America and for our Christian liberty and for our friends that we all love. War clouds are rising in the East, the war in the Spanish government has been the bloodiest war the world has ever read about. When men leave God out of their plans it is awful what they will do in times like that. It seems that the whole world will be involved before this is over. Our prayers should be, "God save America." We certainly are in the last days and this is the fulfilling of scripture, and we feel that the coming of Jesus is surely near. Trials that we never dreamed about are coming our way. It is time to be humble before God and reach the place where His smiles and approval will be on our lives and work. Distress and sorrow are on every hand, but God is able to keep that committed to His trust.

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"Active Old Age"

ROSS W. HAYSLIP

THE VITAL QUESTION

"And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated" (Deut. 34:7).

The passing of time has brought me to my twenty-first birthday. I look ahead into the future, and wonder what it holds.

There are no worries in my mind concerning what those years will bring forth, if Jesus has not come yet. If I follow Jesus, He will see that I go the right course during those years that lie ahead. My chief desire at the present time for those periods to come is, that I may be able to be active on the field of battle, when death presents his summons. If there is any sight that strikes pain to my heart it is that of an old minister, who is listed by the governing body of his denomination as a retired minister. Never in my short career have I seen a minister who kept his hand in God's, placed on retired list, because of old age. To my mind, death is the only discharge that permits us to honorably withdraw from God's army. I firmly believe that if we can remain submissive to God's leadings, that He will see that His will is worked out to the fullest extent in our lives.

I have been privileged, the past few years, to sit under the preaching of, and enjoying a personal friendship with the oldest minister in our own Council. If there is any man to-day, of whom it could be said, as of Enoch, that he walked with God, to my mind, it is Rev. C. J. Ferneau. To everyone who knows him, these words are true. Eighty years of age, and still a marveolus fire-brand for God. It is wonderful the way in which God is making the closing years of his life, the most fruitful.

Dr. H. C. Morrison, at the age of seventy-nine, is carrying on a work that would do credit to three younger men. A great preacher, and a mighty influence for good, yet a very old man, according to the modern standards for measuring age.

These two warrior saints are examples of what God can do for a person in their old age, if they only serve and trust Him fully. We younger folks like to rejoice in our youth, and at times even go so far as to try to eliminate the older folks from the picture. However, it might be interesting to note that age may not be a barrier to progress, even in material things, as well as spiritual.

Between the ages of seventy and eighty-three, Commodore Vanderbilt added about one hundred million dollars to his fortune.

Verdi, at seventy-four, composed Othello, his masterpiece, and at eighty-five, Ave Maria and Te Deum.

At the age of seventy-nine, Oliver W. Holmes, wrote "Over the Teacups."

Cato, at eighty began the study of the Green language.

Goethe, at eighty, completed, "Faust."

Tennyson, at eighty-three wrote, "Crossing the Bar."

Titian, at ninety-eight, painted his historic picture, "Battle of Lepanto."

Surely, if these above-mentioned men could do such marvelous things in the material world, after reaching such advanced ages, do we need fear, who have

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The Perry-Scope

TREASURES NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

A SAD DECLINE

After noting a sad decline in public morals, disrespect for the Sabbath, increase in gambling, and this "with widespread sanctions from lawmakers," "The Presbyterian" says further, "Liquor has flooded the land, and with it a mounting tale of lawlessness, accident and economic prostration. A group of important executives, whose identity can be given if necessary, declared in a council that they could place any number of men in responsible positions at high salaries if they could find honest men. Are honest men hard to find in America? Divorce has been flung in the face of the nation as front-page news. Sober-minded people and serious Christians are deeply troubled."

SOME FIGURES

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, recently gave these figures:

"12,000 murders annually; 3,000,000 convicted criminals in this country; one out of every twenty-five persons in the United States in inclined toward criminality. 150,000 murderers are roaming at large in this country. According to statistics, of these now living 200,000 will commit murder in a lifetime, and 300,000 will be murdered."

NOTICE TO READERS

Read carefully and thoughtfully. Read and then read over again. Some times we do not get the full sense until the second or third reading. How little you will get if you just run through and read a line or two here and there. Think of the time spent in preparing these articles, in thought, prayer, and study. There should be a blessing for every reader.

PALESTINE AND PROPHECY

George T. B. Davis writes, "When in Palestine this last summer, I was amazed at the era of building that is going on there—undoubtedly greater than at any time since the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersion of the Jews. Throughout the length and breadth of the land they are building splendid roads, most of them asphalt. Beautiful buildings are being erected in Jerusalem, Haifa, and other cities. Large districts that were desolate and waste a few years ago are to-day blossoming as the rose. One of the strongest impressions of my visit was that with almost *feverish haste* they are preparing the land for the return of the King! 'When these things *begin* to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh,'" Luke 21:28.

The men who have done most for God in this world have been early upon their knees. If God is not first in our thoughts, in our efforts, in the early morning, He will be last in the remainder of the day. The heart that is behind hand in seeking God in the early morning has lost its relish for God.—E. M. Bounds.

START THE DAY WITH GOD

"Start the day with God. Do not wait till its work and its pleasures are over, and then come to Him confessing your failures. Ask help rather than forgiveness. Some people make prayer a last resource. When everything else fails, when they have nowhere else to go, when they have proven that they can do nothing by themselves, thev are willing to accept Divine help. Reverse this, ask aid before you begin, rather than after you have tried and failed. Start each day and each duty with God."

BREAD

"The Lord's answers to prayers are infinitely perfect and eternity will show that often when we were asking for a stone that *looked like bread*, He was giving us *bread* that to our short-sightedness *looked like stone*."

Peter and John didn't have a barrel of sermons to fall back on. They had something else to do besides preaching on science, Cuba, Armenia, gold, silver, or geology. Some preachers get drier than Gideon's fleece. They need the dew of God upon them.—D. L. Moody.

When Gen. Robt. E. Lee accepted the presidency of Washington College (now Washington and Lee University), he was asked why he did not introduce military training. He replied without hesitation, "Because that is not the best way to train the citizenship of a country."

THE MOST CAPTURED CITY

Jerusalem has been captured more times than any city in the world. It has been captured twenty-five times in its history. The first time by General David and the last time by General Allenby. According to prophecy it will yet be captured twice before it is to be rebuilt as the capital city of the millennial earth. It will be captured by Antichrist and its final capture will be by the Lord Jesus Christ. It is remarkable that it was captured by King David the first time and will be captured by the "Son of David" to become the city of the Great King.

Young People's Corner

PRAYING FOR THE PREACHER

"Now I beseech you, brethren, ... that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me," Rom. 15:30; "Ye also helping together by prayer for us," 2 Cor. 1:11; "Praying always .... for all saints; and for me," Eph. 6:18, 19; "Always laboring fervently for you in prayers," Col. 4:12.

According to these references it certainly is scriptural to pray for your preacher, who can tell the difference it would make.There can be no doubt—that the "prayer that changes things" will work here as well as in other things. Have you tried it?

The preacher has a great responsibility upon him. Paul felt this. He expressed his feelings when he said, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." In making these urgent calls upon men who could pray he shows the value he places on prayer and expresses his dependence on the prayers of the saints. He makes it appear that they are his helpers, and real ones at that. Who could think it an ordinary service to be "always laboring fervently in prayer" for another? And here is Paul's earnest request for prayers that the Word of the Lord which he preaches "may have free course and be glorified" and that he "may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men." 2 Thess. 3: 1, 2. Let us take hold anew and pray for the preacher.

Not praying at him. The habit of praying at people is far from being godly, is cowardly if not devilish. We believe that if we were too cowardly to talk plainly to any one we would not go around by the throne of God to attack them.

Why pray for the preacher? Because it is scriptural. Paul was continually asking the churches to pray for him. We are to be like Aaron and Hur, holding

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The Personality of the Holy Ghost

E. L. MOORE

We are told that when the Greek New Testament employs the masculine, personal pronoun "he" with the neuter noun "spirit", the noun represents a person. Our Lord in speaking of the Holy Ghost, says: "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come," John 16:13. In this verse of Scripture the personal pronoun in the masculine gender is used six times, with a noun which, in the original, is said to be neuter; besides, there are five distinct acts ascribed to the Holy Ghost which by no figure of speech could be ascribed to an impersonal object.

The Holy Scriptures constantly speak of the Holy Ghost in language which reveals Him as a distinct, intelligent person. He is spoken of as exercising the functions of emotion, thought, and volition, which belong to a distinct personality of the divine Trinity. The Son glorifies the Father, John 14:13. The Holy Spirit glorifies the Son, John 16: 14. The attributes proper only to the Most High God are ascribed to Him: 1. Omnipresent, Psa. 139:7; Eph. 2: 17-18. Omnipotent, Luke 1:35; Rom. 8:11. 3. Omniscient, 1 Cor. 2:10, 11. 4. Holy, 1 Thess. 4:8. 5. True, John 14:17. 6. Eternal, Heb. 9:14.

Personal power of rational understanding and will are ascribed to Him, 1 Cor. 2:10-13; 12:11; Eph. 4:3. He was seen in the form of a dove, *Matt.* 3:16. He can feel and be grieved, Eph. 4:30; tempted, Acts 5:9; a sinner can resist Him, Acts 7:51; one can lie to Him, Acts 5:3; He can be quenched, 1 Thes. 5:19; He works, 1 Cor. 12:11; Acts 8:39; He performs multitudes of personal acts, as teaching, speaking, warning, etc., Mark 13:11; Acts 15:28; 16: 6, 7; 20:23; Rom. 8:15, 16; 1 Cor. 6: 19; witnessing and empowering in lives of men, Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 2:2, 16, 17; John 15:12, 16, 17, 26; 16:13; Luke 24: 48, 49; Acts 1:8. The functions which are applied to the Holy Ghost reveal personality, not a manifestation, emination or an influence, but a personality of divine nature of the Trinity.

Speaking or sinning against the Holy Ghost has been defined as blasphemy. It signifies defamatory or injurious usage of speech against the Holy Ghost, attributing His divine power to the power of Satan, Mark 3:28, 30; Matt. 12: 31, 32. Speaking against, lying to, tempting, resisting, or grieving, cannot effect an influence, but can a personality. Other sins than the above mentioned will cause you to lose your soul in hell. Sins confessed and repented of will be forgiven, but for the sin against the Holy Ghost there is no forgiveness—protracted series of daring deeds committed against the striving of the Spirit, against the call or impulse of the Holy Ghost. In this presistent grieving the doomed man passes unconsciously or indifferently from one degree of sin to another until the hardened heart or conscience cannot be aroused and the moral boundry is crossed where repentance and faith are impossible, as the poet has said, and is true to scriptural teaching.

"There is a line, by eye unseen,
That crosses every path—
The hidden boundry between,
God's mercy and His wrath.
To pass the limit is to die,
To die as if by stealth;
It does not quench the beaming eye
Or pale the gloom of death.
Oh, where is this mysterious bound
By which our path is crossed,
Beyond which God Himself hath sworn
That He who goes is lost?"

It is said that during an extensive revival in a college town in America some years ago, a number of students met and as if led by Satan himself, pierced veins in each other's arms, mingled their blood, and with it signed a formal resolve that they would resist forever God's Spirit and the religion of Christ. Their conviction ceased, not one was saved, subsequently one by one they died in despair, the dark gloom of eternal ruin hanging over them. They despised the evidence of truth knowingly. They sinned against judgment, light, and conscience, made their own record, and in this they approached the awful point "depart." Not one, perhaps, committed the unpardonable sin, the sin against the Holy Ghost, but persistent, daring deeds had their results.

The prophecy of the Holy Ghost dispensation and His grant of power for His work will be found listed below:

Prophecy.—Isa. 44:3; Joel 2:28; Zech. 12:10; Matt. 3:11; Luke 3:16; Acts 1: 5; Luke 24:49-53. Christ speaking in the last day that great day of the feast, stood and cried, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me . . . . . out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" John 7:37-39. If I go not away, the Comforter will not come," John 16:7. His last message, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry," Luke 24:49. They returned and tarried ten days and the Comforter, promise of the Father, the Holy Ghost came.

The Spirit never was referred to as God or Christ. "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, . . . even the Spirit of truth," John 14:16, 17. "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth," John 16:13. The fulfillment of this promise, the beginning of the Holy Ghost dispensation, began here on this day—Acts 2:4. "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel," Acts 2:16.

Now the Holy Ghost is doing His office work. He is not seen but felt, and the effects made known in works—His dispensational grant of power. He is doing wonders, but as Christ did, working in unison with both. Not one desire or move is made but what all in the Trinity are concerned. He is calling to repentance, directing, guiding, teaching, empowering souls, as He said.

Peter said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," Acts 1:8. When the hundred and twenty on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 were filled with the Holy Ghost, they were given power to witness. Peter said we are witnesses of these things and also the Holy Ghost is a witness of the resurrected and empowered Christ, and while he was preaching the Holy Ghost fell on the people. Now this was not Jesus or God that fell on the people. Why? See Acts 10:38-46. Peter said, "By them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven," 1 Peter 1:12.

Now the Holy Ghost or Comforter is an advocate, defender, helper, strengthener, and consoler; a personality not particular in the likeness of God but nature, essence, and character, with purpose and work in unison in carrying out the plan of God. His particular work will merge in with the return of Christ in the closing days of the gospel age. What a wonderful chance we all have now to enjoy His presence!

Those who place a premium on ignorance will never have any knowledge to put on the market, as they have paralyzed their own minds and closed the door to knowledge.

"When we are abiding in the will of God, everything that comes into our life, of joy or sorrow, seeming failure or success, is also in the will of God."

Requests

Please remember our brother-in-law who is in the hospital in a very serious condition. There is no hope only in the Lord. Pray now for him. Pray for me to do the Lord's will, He has done so much for me.—A sister in the Lord, Mrs. A. L. West, Dunn, N. C.

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We are starting a revival here Nov. 29, D. V. Pray for God to save, sanctify, and baptize with the Holy Ghost. Sister Neta Underwood will be in charge. —Your brother, W. A. Goss, pastor, Lavonia, Ga.

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Please pray a special prayer for me that if it is the Lord's will I will be healed. I have cancer of the stomach and suffer so much. I have no one near to pray with me as there are no Church of God people around here. If some Church of God preacher feels led to come this way, come and hold a revival. Please pray earnestly for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Carrie Merritt, R. F. D. 2, Box 194, Citra, Fla.

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Dear praying people, I am one who is very much discouraged in life. I was once a Christian but wandered away from God and now I want to be closer drawn to Him. I want to be an overcomer for Jesus, He has done so much for me. I have done nothing for Him. Please pray earnestly for me that I may be saved and be an overcomer for Jesus. There is no Church of God here and if any one wants to write me an encouraging letter, it will be appreciated very much. I know God is able to deliver me and set me free.—Miss Ocie Rodman, Luxedo, N. C.

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Dear saints, I have been afflicted for many years. My eyelids become inflamed, first one and then the other and pain terribly. I know God can heal me. Please pray till your prayers go through.—Your sister in Him, Mrs. Robert Bell, Copperhill, Tenn.

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Dear saints, will you please hold my name up before the Lord in prayer for the healing of my body. I know God can and will heal. He has touched my body several times but I can't get complete victory. It seems I need more faith. I don't want to step out on divine healing and then turn back for the Word says, No man putting his hands to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom. Also pray for my only daughter, she is deaf. I know God can open her deaf ears for I have seen this manifested. She is fifteen years old. Pray that God will open her ears and bring her into the fold. Also pray for my loved ones, some oppose holiness. Pray for an unspoken request, God knows all about it. Pray for our little band here at Dowling Park.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. J. I. Jordan.

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Please pray a special prayer for a girl friend who is in the hospital in Chicago. She is at the point of death. Pray for her soul and body. Also pray for me and my family that we may stay close to the Lord. Do pray for this precious girl until your prayers go through.—A sister, Mrs. W. H. Wise, Shelburn, Ind.

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Dear saints, I earnestly ask you to please pray a special prayer for my son, Johnie, who is very low with tuberculosis. He has been down four months and is not saved. Pray that he may be saved and healed. I desire the prayers of all the dear saints of God that I will ever stand true and be faithful unto the end. Pray for me.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Janie C. McAllister, Rt. 2, Box 32, Coker, Ala.

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Dear saints, pray for my husband that he will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for my son who is going to the altar, and for my unsaved children that they will be saved before it is too late.—Your sister in Christ, Ida Lang, Lundale, W. Va.

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Dear saints of God, please pray earnestly for my dear boy who is to undergo a serious operation. Pray for his soul's salvation, that he will give his heart to God before it is too late. He has lung trouble. I know God can heal. I don't want his soul to be lost, I know there is power in the blood of Jesus to heal and save Him. Also pray for me that God will heal me of a severe cold and asthma. Pray for a little boy here who has bad kidney trouble. There are some hungry hearts here who are seeking the baptism. Pray that God will give them their heart's desire and that others will come this way. Pray that I'll do the Lord's will at all times and be a blessing to others. —Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Mannie Walker, Swainsboro, Ga., Box 224.

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Thank our dear Lord for answering prayer. The operation is over and our dear one is just fine. Oh, prayer is worth so much. Continue to pray for her to stay healed and may God bless everyone of you is my prayer. Please pray a special prayer for one who has a bad cough. —M. J. Petty, Blue Ridge, Ga.

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We thank God for the wonderful revival now in progress at the Church of God at Union, S. C. conducted by Brother Albert Teaster. Twelve or fifteen have been saved and sanctified, and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting is still going, this being the third week. We ask your prayers that God will do even greater things for us. We thank God for Brother Teaster and his wife. His wife is so faithful in her singing and altar work. We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Wade Horton. Please pray for the church at Union that we will be in the center of God's will.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. V. M. Sanford, Buffalo, S. C.

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Dear saints, this is to thank every one who has prayed for my mother. The Lord has blessed her many times. I sent a request to the Evangel sometime ago for prayer for her. I have received up until this time three anointed cloths to lay on her body. God blessed her, the power fell and she got able enough to go to church. At this writing she is not doing well at all, so dear saints, please for my sake pray the prayer of faith. My dear mother has been sick seven weeks and I know and you know God heals. That is a promise we have from God. Now pray and send an anointed cloth if you feel led. Brother L. G. Rouse, please pray for mother. Many thanks.—Hattie Crews, Summit, Ga., Rt. 2.

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Dear saints, please pray for a friend, Mrs. Douglas Stephens of Sylva, N. C. She has heart trouble and other troubles. She must have help at once. Pray, dear saints, for her and fast too, for she is near death's door. She wants your prayers at once. Pray until I write she's safe.—Mrs. J. H. Evans, Rt. 4, Leesville, S. C.

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Dear Evangel family, I want you to pray earnestly for my daughter who is in New Orleans, La. at the Baptist hospital. She and her fifteen-year-old son were so critically broken up in a car wreck Sunday morning, Nov. 8. Pray that God will raise her up and bring her back to the Lord. She is backslidden from the sweet Holy Ghost. If Brother L. G. Rouse sees this pray, pray, and if Brother R. E. Blackwood sees this and is in New Orleans, go to the Baptist hospital and call for Mrs. W. G. Baker.—Your brother and sister in the Church of God, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sims, 1309 Chey Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Please pray for me to be healed of a goitre on my neck. Please pray for me to be healed as I can't live long in my present condition. I am a member of the Pentecostal church and I desire your help.—Mrs. V. A. Holly, Box 173, Leesville, S. C.

REPORTS

Arkansas a Ripe and Ready Field for Church of God

BAUXITE, Ark.—Just a word of praise to let you know we went over the top over two hundred per cent on the Bauxite district on the aged ministers' fund.

We praise the Lord for Brother Lester Beasley, our new pastor, and for the efforts that are being put forth. Praise the Lord for having with us our state overseer, Brother Odis Smith, who we believe has a mind to work for God and bring things to the front in Arkansas, as it is ripe and ready for The Church of God. Remember Bauxite district in your prayers.—As ever your brother, Willard Gentry, clerk.

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Somewhere Working for My Lord

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—Dear saints, I praise God for His wonderful love and blessings to me. I praise Him for being saved, sanctified, and baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost and being a member of the Church of God. Thank God, I feel His sweet presence right now in my soul. Jesus really means everything to me. I want to obey Him and mean by His help to go through with Him. I know God has a work for all of His children to do and when He comes or calls I want to be somewhere working for my Lord.

I thank God for everyone who has ever offered up a prayer in my behalf. I praise Him for all His goodness to me and for being reclaimed. Glory to God!

We also thank Him for our pastor, Brother S. C. Chambers. He certainly is a man of God and believes in feeding the church with the whole Word of God and does not not compromise with the enemy. We are praising God for the way He has blessed in a revival which just closed. The Sunday School has been blessed also and is still growing. We have a very good Y. P. E. Saints, please remember me when you pray, I need your prayers. Pray for my home and loved ones to be saved before it is too late. I have some unspoken requests which I ask you to please pray for. Please don't fail to pray for them.—Your sister, Goldie Lane.

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Needed An Extra Touch

GRASONVILLE, Md.—The Lord has been so good to us during our four weeks' revival. We can hardly find words to express our thanks to Him from whom all blessings flow. Four were saved and sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister Wm. Largin and their coworker, Sister Southerland, were in charge. The Lord was surely in our midst. Every night it seemed like showers of blessings from heaven would fall—some were dancing, some praying, and some praising the Lord. It was truly wonderful.

We thank the Lord for sending some dear saints from Easton over to help us, also our good state overseer, Brother W. Carl Milligan, came to visit us a number of times.

The dear Lord knew we needed an extra touch from heaven, for we were very sad when we heard that our pastor, Brother Herman Lauster, and his wife were leaving for Germany Nov. 27 as overseer of that country. They have been so faithful; we will miss them so much. We know the Lord calls those who are willing to give all and follow Him, so in the midst of our sadness comes a proud feeling and we thank our blessed Savior for such faithful servants in our church. The Lord needed some one in far away Germany, and He called some one in Grasonville, Md. who would say, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

Pray much for these dear saints, Brother and Sister Lauster, and their two children, that the Lord will bless them in their new field of labor.—A sister in Christ, The Church of God, Pauline Long, writer.

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Souls Hungry for the Word of God

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—I thank my God always for His goodness and for what He is to me. I praise Him for power over Satan. On Oct. 18 I went to Siluria, Ala. on my first trip. There is only one church there and the preacher seemed to have everybody going his way and he said if anybody started a church there they would not live, so I told him there were signs following believers and he told me he meant what he said. Praise God. I told them I was not ignorant concerning Satan's devices. Then Jesus gave me an interpretation and the Lord said He was with me for good. Hallelujah! Praise His sweet name. That caused me to move on out.

While talking with one of his members she told me there was no use of me coming there to start a church. I told her I was there to help the people learn about Christ. I went back the second Sunday and the enemy was in the house but God gave me victory. Praise His sweet name. Now that lady is looking this way. Three have been sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church and that gives me five. That is a green field and I need prayer from everybody. Souls are hungry for the Word of God. I am on victory's side.—A brother in Christ, S. E. Babb (colored).

God is My Savior, on Him I Can Depend

CAWOOD, Ky.—Dear saints of God, I thank and praise God for saving my soul when I was lost in sin. God has blessed me so many times, I can't afford to go back on Him. He saved my soul about three years ago and filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I have a deep desire to go on and see what God has for me on the other side.

I thank God for His good healing power. He has healed me many times. I thank God for our good pastor, Brother Eddie Cox. We love him and his family. His wife is a sinner and I want all of the saints of God to pray that God will save her soul for Brother Cox needs her help in serving the Lord.

I thank God for our little church at Cawood, Ky. God surely does bless. There are some real saints of God here. We don't have a church house of our own but we want you to pray that God will provide us one. Pray that we will hold out and go all the way with the Lord. Pray that my husband and I will go forward in the Lord and never turn back. I thank God for a home of prayer. We loved our pastor last year and surely did hate to give him up. Brother E. O. Frazier was our pastor. But God blessed us with another good pastor, Brother Ed Cox, and we love him. You saints remember our little church in prayer that God will still bless us. Pray for my home that it will stay a home of prayer.—A sister in Christ, Lillie Mae Murray.

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Love, Unity, and Fellowship Prevail

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Dear Evangel readers and our many friends, greetings in Jesus' name. We are located at our work for this Assembly year and are glad to say we are well pleased because we found a church with real unity, love, and fellowship. We are in a revival and the Lord is wonderfully blessing. Five have been saved, three sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. As I started to make the altar call last night after preaching, the Holy Ghost took charge and gave messages and interpretations and everyone who didn't have the Holy Ghost except two came to the altar.

Brother Zeno Douglas, the pastor of the church in South St. Joseph, and his folks have been coming up and helping us. We are going down there next Sunday afternoon for a special service with them, D. V. Pray for us that the Lord will make us a blessing to the church. —T. J. Milligan, pastor, N. St. Joseph, 411 E. Highland Ave.

There is nothing that points to our spiritual location as certainly as the acts and deeds of our life.

TESTIMONIES

Glad I Gave My Life to Him

E. NEW MARKET, Md.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise God for what He means to me. I am so glad that nearly five years ago I gave my life to Him. He saved, sanctified, and gave me the best thing this side of heaven, heaven's sweet Holy Ghost, and praise God, He still abides. My determination is to make the city of gold whose builder and maker is God.

I belong to the dear old Church of God at Cambridge, Md. I love the Church of God and mean by God's grace to stay under its protecting wings.

I take the Evangel and it does my soul good to read the good testimonies and sermons from my brothers and sisters in the Lord. I can hardly wait from one week to another to get it.

Dear brothers and sisters, please pray for the healing of my body, I have been sick for about two months. I do not know what the trouble is, but I do know God knows all about it. I have been trusting God for my body for the past five years and He has always healed me. He has never failed me yet and He never will. Praise His name. I have been prayed for several times for this same trouble and God always touches my body, but it seems I can't get complete victory over it, so I appeal to all the Church of God everywhere to please pray for me that God will heal me completely of this trouble. I suffer lots with my head. Do not pass this by but pray for the healing of my body. Also pray for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost. I also have loved ones outside the ark of safety. Pray for them. If Brother and Sister F. B. Marine see this, please pray for me.— A sister under the blood, Mrs. William Harvey, Jr.

Really Means to Serve the Lord

CAIRO, Ga.—I praise my blessed Savior who shed His precious blood on the cross for me. I can never praise Him enough for the tender mercy to a sinner like me.

In the year 1921 I disobeyed my mother and was led off in deep sin. Mother always taught me to go to church and Sunday School. Her father and mother were also Christians and they and mother would always carry us children to church. Daddy did not want us to go to church, so Dec. 29, 1920 mother and daddy parted. In 1921 I was led off in sin by bad company. I got deeper in sin and I went on and on until the year 1926.

Brother J. B. Weeks came to Climax, Ga. and up at New Home church, so I got saved in his meetings but before I received the full blessing I went back in sin. I got away where I could not go to church and there were no Church of God people to be with, so I turned back in sin.

About five years ago I made up my mind to live for the Lord. This year God sent the same Brother J. B. Weeks back to Cairo, Ga. and over at Bainbridge, Ga. It was in Brother J. B. Weeks' meeting I really became fully converted.

I got very sick with abscesses. I was sick eight weeks and five weeks I was not able to walk, so I knew I was not as close to the Lord as He wanted me to be and I was not doing His will at all. I was careless about going to church. I started praying. I could not rest day or night, I was in so much trouble. I prayed and cried day and night and told the Lord I would serve Him the rest of my life if He would give me the great Comforter, I would let my light shine. I used to be ashamed, but, bless His sweet name, I am not ashamed to praise my Lord now.

I thank the Lord for sending Brother Weeks and family here. I love them and always will. I love the dear Church of God. I have four brothers, two sisters and a mother and I want them to be saved. Also pray for my unsaved husband. I ask all the dear Church of God people to forgive me and pray that I will do His will until He comes or calls.—A sister in the Lord, Susie Bryant, 125 2nd Ave., N. E.

Many Things to Thank the Lord For

ST. STEPHENS, S. C.—Dear saints and Evangel readers, I thank and praise the dear Lord this morning for His goodness to me. I thank Him for being saved. I am looking for Jesus to come soon though I am lonely and broken-hearted. The death angel came three weeks ago yesterday and took my darling husband, but I guess it was the dear Lord's will. I feel my loss is heaven's gain.

I thank the dear Lord for healing my body. I had the fever about eight weeks, but thank God, He healed me one week ago last night. I have been trusting the Lord for my body twenty-one years.

Please pray for this place, it is only two years old and needs your prayers. Brother C. P. Cashatt is our pastor and he is having a hard time here. He is a humble man of God. Please hold him up in your prayers. This is the hardest place I have ever seen to get folks out to church. We have a good little church but we owe $48.75 on it. We are trying to raise that, so please pray that God will help us.

Please pray for my unsaved children. I have so many things to thank the Lord for. We are looking for a revival to start in two weeks. Pray that the dear Lord will give us souls. Saints, pray for me that I will stay where the Lord can make me a blessing to the lost.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. W. B. Merideth.

A Cross, A Crown!

FREER, Tex.—I praise the Lord for I feel the Holy Ghost burning within my soul. Oh, thank the Lord! I am much encouraged to shoulder up my cross and follow on to know the Lord in His fullness. I have been made to wonder why we came to this oil field. The day we landed here I said, "Lord, surely we are in the wrong place. No Church of God here. What can we do?" Eight months have gone by and we are still here. The Lord is blessing our souls. We can see the hand of the Lord sent us here, if nothing else to sow some good seed, for there are souls at stake that need to be saved.

We are worshipping with the Assemblies. The Lord has blessed in a wonderful way and some have already seen the difference and are looking to The Church of God and want a Church of God started here. We all have a cross to bear. Whatever our cross might be, pray that we'll bear it with patience. Oh, thank the Lord! I'm so glad He counted me worthy to take up the cross and follow Him. Sometime the cross gets heavy and we struggle up the hill and almost bend in despair, but oh, think of the bright crown of glory that awaits the faithful few. I want to be faithful, don't you? —Mrs. L. C. Springer.

Blessed With Another Good Church

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings from East St. Louis district. God has blessed us with another good church at Granite City, Ill. Our good Brother J. R. Thomas, state overseer, set it in order Nov. 15. There are some more free missions that want to come in the Church of God and we are planning on giving them a call soon.

We have a ripe district to work in. The people love the Word of God and the Church of God. There is a revival going at the Church of God at East St. Louis, the writer in charge. Twelve have been saved and the altar is full every night. God is with us. We have four good churches on the district now and all have good pastors. Pray for us and the work that God will send some good preachers this way who are willing to work in new places.—Your humble brother in the Lord, G. W. Messer, district overseer, 1713 Gross Ave.

REQUESTS

Dear saints, pray for me. I have been sick with a stomach trouble for three years. I am a member of the Church of God at Berryton, Ga. I have the blessing and believe in divine healing. Pray that I will ever stand true and trust the Lord with my body. Pray for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. L. Atkins.

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Dear saints, please pray for my boys to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray a special prayer for my boy, Marvin, to be healed of asthma and hay fever, also pray that my husband will be healed of asthma. Please pray a special prayer for them.—A sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Rosie Collins, Rt. 1, Winnsboro, Tex.

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Dear saints of the Church of God and everywhere, please pray earnestly for God to give us a great revival. Brother Panley and evangelistic party are with us. Come and help us, neighboring churches. I thank God for the way He is blessing in our mission. People are getting thru to the Lord. Let's press the battle and stand true to Jesus and the Church of God.—Your brother in Christ, H. L. Kitchen, pastor, 77th St., East Lake, Birmingham, Ala.

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Please pray for the Lord to heal me. I am almost down with flu or cold and my right lung hurts. I have one thing in my life pulling me down. Please pray for the Lord to forgive me and you people forgive me. Pray for my family.—F. E. Newby, Rt. 1, Cairo, Ga.

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I thank God for giving me the sweet Holy Ghost above six years ago. He has healed me so much as I have suffered much, almost all my life, but thank God, I will never forget to thank Him for His love and blessings to me. I ask all the Christians to pray for me to be completely healed. Also pray for my unsaved brothers and sisters to be saved before it's too late and remember us in prayer that we will live faithful to the end.—A sister in Christ, Miss Lula Mae Dedge, Lake Park, Ga.

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Dear saints, pray for us. We started a revival at Riverant, Ind. Up until this time six have been saved, four sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray that God will stir this place and give us a church. This is a new field and souls are hungry for the Word. Pray that we will have success in having a Sunday School and that God will give us wisdom and power of the Holy Ghost to preach to these people. This is a needy field and laborers are few. Pray for Brother Hall that God will shield him and his family from dangers. Also pray for a Church of God sister who has been afflicted in her limbs about forty years. Please pray and try to get hold of God for her.—Yours in Christ, Janette Rose, Paxton, Ind.

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I have an unspoken request which I want you to please pray for. God knows all about it, so please pray. I feel burdened this morning. I still have the sweet Holy Ghost and am still determined to go on. Pray that God will provide a way for me to go to church. Pray for my baby, he has sores on his legs. Pray that my little ones will be healed.—One who loves the Church of God, Thelma Owens, Greenwood, S. C.

NOTICES

The Church of God at Williston will have a rally day the fifth Sunday in this month. Everybody welcome. Come one, come all, expecting a great time in the Lord.—Prayerfully, C. M. Phillips.

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If there is a church within fifty miles of Knoxville that does not have a pastor, or a group of people who would like to have a Church of God organized, where there is not one within five miles of them, please get in touch with me by mail or in person at 224 Granger St., Knoxville, Tenn.—Lon Price, a Church of God preacher.

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There will be a conference the second Sunday in December at Nashville, Ga. All members of the Nashville, Ga. Church of God are urged to be there.—H. D. Wheelis, pastor.

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To all the Sunday Schools in Pennsylvania: As Brother Bryant was appointed state S. S. superintendent for this year, please send your reports to him every month. His address is Eugene M. Bryant, 1266 Miller St., Harrisburg, Pa. We are praying that God will richly bless Brother Bryant in his new work.—Ralph Koshewitz, Rt., Box 54, Markleysburg, Pa.

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To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from Forrest City, Ark., Box 301 to Nettleton, Ark., Box 116. And to all the clerks and churches in Arkansas, please make your monthly report at the first of each month.—Your humble servant, Odis Smith, state overseer.

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To all who may be interested, I have been appointed as pastor at Urbana, Ill. and also district pastor over this district. I am asking all churches and pastors in the district to please do their best on aged ministers' fund, also camp ground fund. Please put on a special drive for this. Pastors, see that the clerks report regularly each month. May God bless every one.—C. E. Richard, Gen. Del., Urbana, Ill.

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There will be a home coming on the Washington district at the Washington, N. C. Church of God, Rt. 3, the fifth Sunday in November. We invite all to come and be with us and especially those of this district. Bring your musical instruments. We are looking for great things from the presence of God. Please join us in prayer for that day.—L. I. Hare, pastor, Rt. 3, Box 138, Washington, N. C.

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There will be a home coming at the Church of God, Somerset, Pa. Sunday, Nov. 29, beginning at 9:30 a. m. and continuing all day. Everybody welcome. Bring a well-filled basket, dinner in the church.—Geo. H. Sabin, clerk, Somerset, Pa.

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We are in a real revival at Archibald, La., O. B. Myrick doing the preaching, George Hemphill, pastor. We need the prayers of all.—A. V. Ponder.

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Notice to the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's in Pennsylvania: Please be prompt with your reports on the first of the month. In reporting, state whether the reports are for Sunday School or Y. P. E. Give your enrollment, and the number present each Sunday, for your S. S. and the number present each weekly meeting of the Y. P. E. The state banners will be awarded to the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's having the highest average attendance during the month. This gives the small Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's the same chance to win the banner as the larger ones. So go to work and win the banner. Every Sunday School and Endeavor, both large and small, has an equal chance to win. I am looking for some good reports soon. I expect to visit you at the earliest possible date. Serving as State Evangelist also, I have my hands full but will get to your place soon. Send all reports and correspondence direct to me at 1266 Miller St., Harrisburg, Penn.—Faithfully, Eugene M. Bryant, State Supt. of Sunday Schools and Y. P. E., 1266 Miller St., Harrisburg, Pa.

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Since we have bought the nice Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pa., this will be and is our state headquarters for the Church of God in Pennsylvania. We feel that it will be very good to have a "Prayer Hour" at least an hour to begin

and leave it to the good Lord when to cease. After talking to some of the teachers in the State we have decided that the hour of prayer will be about 1:30 p. m. to begin. This will be conducted daily. In the absence of the state overseer, Brother H. O. Harris and others will have charge. It will be held in the state overseer's home. This is the state parsonage.

We will expect you to send any and all requests to the above address. We will remember the sick and suffering, also the requests for your loved ones to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Will give time to anointing handkerchiefs, etc. In fact, this will be for those who have requests to be sent in for prayer.

Every one is invited to attend these prayer meetings. If you are passing this way at the hour of prayer, you are invited to call and pray with us.

We are expecting the greatest year in the history of the Church in this State. But we will have to pull together and pray together, work together. Now come along, preachers, if you can not attend all of these meetings, why not have the "HOUR OF PRAYER" observed in your church at this time if possible? We notice that they must have had an hour of prayer up at Jerusalem, Acts 3:1, to be observed by those who were in the custom of praying.

We feel that it is time to get ourselves organized in prayer. We see that the false religion and easy way are trying to take the world by storm. You who are too far away to be present with us can remember us at this time of the day.

We are using this method of getting in touch with the mass of people that might have requests.

The name and addresses of the district overseers: Philadelphia dist., P. P. Carpenter, Reamstown, Pa.; Harrisburg dist., R. H. Flinchum, 511 W. College Ave., York, Pa.; Williamsburg dist., J. A. Muncy, 120 E. First St., Williamsburg, Pa.; Somerset dist., H. O. Harris, Somerset, Pa.; Markleysburg dist., R. F. Koshewitz, Markleysburg, Pa.; Washington dist., Noble Stern, Fairmount City, A. Muncy, 120 E. First St., Williams-Muncy.

Let us hear from you if you are interested in the hour of prayer.—Faithfully, C. H. Blankenship, Overseer of Pennsylvania.

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Inasmuch as I have been appointed by Brother Clark, as state Sunday School superintendent, I am now asking the cooperation of all pastors, Sunday School superintendents, officers and entire schools. I do hereby pledge to you my best service, trusting I may be a help and blessing to all of you. By all working together, we will have God's approval and blessings for BETTER and LARGER SCHOOLS. Our goal is a Sunday School in every church and all other places available, with every member in Sunday School.

We will use cards, as during last year, for reporting your attendance each month. I do not have the names of the Sunday Schools, and your addresses, therefore, I cannot send you the cards for November. Let each School send me, on Nov. 30th, your attendance for each Sunday in October and November; then I can award the banner to the school making best percentage increase. Be sure to send report for both months this time. All reports must reach me by the 10th of each month, as I will close books on that date, and award the banner. $2.00 in cash will be awarded with the banner each month, providing you tithe your Sunday School offerings and send same to me. All money sent me will be used for expenses of state Sunday School work. Be sure in your report to write the name of the church, your name and address. Write all reports plainly, so I will make no mistakes.

All please report; be free to write me. I am here to help you in any way. I shall be glad to visit your Sunday School, provided expense of traveling is met. I plan to attend each district convention, as well as state convention. Let each district arrange for a Sunday School convention. We also hope to have a state Sunday School convention.

I am praying for you, and ask that you please pray for me. Remember our motto for West Virginia this year is "Larger and better Sunday Schools."

Let each Sunday School superintendent put such things into his school as will cause a stir of interest that will bring many new scholars, and that the school will be such a live wire that these new members will continue to come, bringing others. Remember, we must have God. Without Him all is failure, so work to make your school interesting, spiritual, powerful with God.

May God bless all of you.—Your humble servant, T. F. Blackwell, State Sunday School Superintendent, Switchback, W. Va.

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To the pastors of churches in West Virginia: This is to notify you that we have Prof. W. H. Ward with us again this year, teaching singing schools within our churches. Brother Ward is a very able and competent teacher. He does not teach you just a few songs, he lays a foundation in theory of music and will soon have you so you can not only sing a few songs but all of them. He is also a man of prayer. His conduct and presence in your church will be a blessing of spiritual nature also. His prices are very reasonable, in fact, entirely too low. Write him for prices on schools. Address him Box 53, Clayton, Ga., or in care of your overseer, 148 Thorn St., Clarksburg, W. Va. You cannot afford to neglect in arranging singing schools in your churches. Our talent needs great improvement along this line. While we have such talent available at such reasonable prices, let us make use of it. Good singing makes your church more desirable and efficient in its work of soul-saving. Write him at once and arrange for a school.—Yours for the furtherance of the cause of Christ, E. C. Clark, state overseer, 148 Thorn St., Clarksburg, W. Va.

Glad I Gave My Heart to Him

SNYDER, Okla.—Dear saints of God just a word of praise in behalf of my Savior who died that I might be saved from sin. About a year ago He knocked at my heart and I opened the door and let Him in. Praise His sweet name! I never have regretted the day I gave my heart to Him. We all have trials and temptations but I am willing to take them for Christ's sake. I want to be a humble servant for Him and I mean to be by His help.

Pray for me that I will receive the full blessing. I would like to hear from anyone who would care to write to me. —Your sister under the blood, Margie Pauline McConnell, Gen. Del.

The ones who are running down hill may make more noise and may run faster than those who are going up hill, but they haven't nearly so much power and will never live in such a high spiritual altitude or be able to see so far away.

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Faith never gets out of sight of her Lord. She can look up and see Him no matter how dark the clouds may hover over her.

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The First Resurrection

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chosen and appointed Him to be the example and principle from whom all divine blessings are derived. He tells us, "Because I live ye shall live," and He is called the firstfruits in 1 Cor. 15:20. The firstfruits were a pledge and assurance of the following harvest; and as from the condition of the firstfruits being offered to God, the whole harvest was entitled to a consecration, so our Savior's resurrection to the life of glory is the earnest and assurance of ours. He is the Head, believers are His members; therefore they shall have communion with Him in His life. It is recorded, to confirm the hope of believers.

There should be no mistake if we rightly divide the Scriptures concerning the resurrection. It certainly began when Jesus rose and the main harvest will be the raptured saints, and even after they are gone there will be an innumerable host left that will go into the tribulation and the last three and a half years they will give their lives for the cause they love so well. These are the gleanings of the harvest. The first resurrection spoken of and explained in the Bible will not be over until these gleanings are safe in the garners.

It has been almost two thousand years since Jesus rose and the saints spoken of in Matt. 27:51-53 were taken up into paradise, but this resurrection is not complete and will not be until He comes on the clouds of glory and raises the dead in Christ and catches away those that are alive and remain until His coming. Then He takes them up in glory to Himself and there keeps them until the tribulation week is past. Then we have in Rev. 19:11-15 a description of His coming to reign a thousand years. There will be a judgment of rewards given to the raptured saints as Paul tells us he had fought a good fight and kept the faith henceforth there was a crown of righteousness laid up for all those who love His appearing, which the righteous judge shall give at that day. 2 Tim. 4:4-8 shows that there will be a reward given to the righteous saints. Now the last white throne judgment spoken of in Rev. 20:11-15 will not take place until after the thousand years are finished. Verse 5, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection." In order to be included in the first resurrection we must not only be holy but blessed. The blessed and holy dead will reign with Christ a thousand years.

Our next piece will be "The Time of the Rapture." Nobody knows just when the rapture will take place but it will be at the close of the Church dispensation and just before the tribulation week sets in.

EDITORIALS

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our hand in God's, and are walking down life's pathway with Him?

Everyone of God's children are important—the old as well as the young, in His Kingdom. So let those that are aged take courage, and let us who are younger realize, that if Jesus does not come, and our lives are spared, we too, will soon note the signs of old age settling down upon us. So, let's all claim that precious promise from His Word, that can be used as a staff in old age.

"And even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you" (Isa. 46:4).—*Church of Christ Advocate.*

THE PERRY-SCOPE

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up the hands of the leader of the hosts of God.

Pray for the preacher. It is helpful to him. Jonathan Edwards once said, "If some Christians who have been complaining of their ministers had said and acted less before man and had applied themselves with all their might to cry humble, fervent and incessant prayers for them—they would have been much more in the way of success."

Pray for your preacher as a means of grace to yourself whenever you feel like finding fault with him. If he is opposed to you, still really pray in compassion for him. We are commanded even to pray for our enemies that spitefully use us.

Pray for him. Perhaps if you were in his place, even with your superior talent and wisdom, you might not do any better than he does. Sincere prayers for your preacher will surely be a means of grace to you. And if the preacher is helped in his life of ministry, the whole church will be helped by such praying.

Led into the Church of God

LINDALE, Ga.—I praise God because he sanctified and baptized me with the sweet Holy Ghost on Nov. 8, 1936. I praise Him for the great Church of God. My brother has been a member of the Church of God for several years. I had been a Baptist ever since I was about twelve years old until about a week before the Assembly. The more I went to the Church of God, the more I felt led this way. One night I took my Bible down to read but didn't have any part of the Bible in mind. When I opened the Bible and it fell open at 2 Cor. 14 without my turning a leaf, I knew God had more for me. I went down and got it. Praise His holy name. My wife got sanctified last night at the meeting which Brother Joe McCoy is running. My brother and I come together and have family prayer, as we live in adjoining rooms, and the Lord surely blesses us.

Saints, please pray for me that I will ever stand true and be a soul winner for Christ.—Your brother in Christ, Horace Kennington, 410 Walnut St.,

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REVIVALS

SPEEDWELL, Tenn.—We closed a revival at Clairfield, Tenn. with fourteen saved, eight sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, and nine baptized in water. Brother B. O. Rosenbaum did the preaching. We haven't a church building there yet but are hoping for one in the near future. We have several members there. Pray for us.—A brother in Christ, S. B. Bryant.

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BANTRY, N. Dak.—Dear coworkers in Him, I began my last revival Sept. 28 and closed it Oct. 27 with about forty-one professing a "born again" experience. The saints were greatly revived. The interest and hunger for God's Word was proven by some coming every evening and others walking to church. One man who was past seventy walked a few miles to come. Join me in prayer that they might continue to look to Jesus as the great Supplier of every need.—E. O. Noel, evangelist.

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WILLIAMSBURG, Kentucky.—I have just closed a three weeks' revival at Corbin, Kentucky where I give half time pastor care. It was said by many that it was the best holiness revival in Corbin for years. Good interest was shown from the beginning, the altar was filled with seekers. Nineteen were saved, six sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water, and ten added to the church. Others will follow in water baptism. The church is greatly encouraged and many Free Pentecost people are looking to the Church of God.

Any one wishing to write me may address me at 601 Mill St., Williamsburg, Ky. The Lord bless all who read this. —Yours in Him, Starling Smith.

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SOMERSET, Ky.—We have just closed a successful revival here with ten saved, five sanctified, three baptized in water, and three added to the church. Good unity prevailed throughout the meeting. Everything is going good. The revival was conducted by the writer. We have a good band of young people here, they are workers in the service for God. If any one desires to write me, my address is 139 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Ky. —Solomon Scalf, pastor.

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FT. WAYNE, Ind.—Dear readers, we truly praise God for the good revival He gave us. Eighteen were saved, twelve sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen healed, and twelve added to the church. Brother W. M. Morrow, our state overseer and pastor, did the preaching. Saints everywhere, pray that God will continue to bless and save many souls.—In His name, Mrs. F. Wildason, clerk.

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OLD FORT, N. C.—We praise the Lord for the wonderful two weeks' revival just closed which was conducted by Brother Anders, his wife, and two sisters. The Lord surely did bless their efforts and the precious Holy Ghost took charge of two services. Praise God for good Holy-Ghost-filled people like they are. They are given up to God and His service. Nineteen were saved, ten sanctified, sixteen filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. If you want an old time revival, just get in touch with Brothers Anders and party. They also made some real music on their guitars.—Sister Estelle Anthony.

Old Time Fire Still Burning In My Soul

DILLON, S. C.—Dear saints, I am still praising God for the old time fire that is still burning in my soul. I am still saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am trusting God for the healing of my body and have been about five years. I have trials and temptations to bear and I want every saint to remember me in his prayers. Pray that I will be an overcomer for God.

God called me to preach His Word about four years ago. We are planning to close our meeting here at Bunker Hill tonight. A few have been saved and I pray we can add some to our church. Pray for each one of us here at Bunker Hill that we may rise and shine and be a help to some lost soul. Pray for me to be an overcomer and a faithful worker. —A brother in Christ, I. E. Grimsley.

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Let's Get to Work

HICKORY, N. C.—Dear Evangel readers and saints everywhere, let's get to work for our blessed Redeemer and His cause, for we see the night is far spent and the dawn of His glory approaching. Hallelujah!

There is so much yet we can do. Don't you feel the mission spirit burning in your heart as you behold the ripe fields of harvest here in our own home towns? Surely every child of God feels the need of working for Jesus. Now we have a wonderful, wonderful opportunity in the mission work in each local church. Let's make use of the articles we probably would have cast aside and turn them into dollars for the Lord's cause—such as pieces of material, even though very small we can make dainties and sell them, and oh! so many, many things we can do that we never dreamed of. If we will pray and take inventory, we find there is much we can sacrifice and do for the Lord.

We have our mission work organized at Isaac Creek. We have a faithful pastor, Brother J. W. Pritchard, and he so willingly steps back when the dear, sweet Holy Ghost takes charge and tells us to let the Lord have His way, for the Lord is wonderfully blessing at Isaac Creek, whereof we are made to rejoice. The Holy Ghost has taken charge of most every Sunday night service since the Assembly. The altar has been filled with hungry seekers, praying through to victory. Thank the Lord.

Pray much for the work at Isaac Creek and for our mission work there that we may do what our hands find to do for our Master's cause, for surely He is coming soon.—A humble worker for Jesus, Mrs. Verna Holt, Rt. 3, c|o W. M. Davis.

Healing Services a Blessing

HENRIETTA, Tex.—I praise the Lord for victory over sin and the devil. I praise Him for healing our bodies from time to time. He has healed us of many diseases. The Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way. Two different ladies were brought to the church at Wichita Falls from the state hospital. The pastor there, Brother White, and a few of us gathered to pray for them and the Lord wonderfully healed them.

We have healing services here at church every Saturday night and the Lord has been dealing with me to write to the Evangel. Anyone desiring our prayers for healing of your body or soul, write me at Henrietta, Tex., Gen. Del. I am pastoring the Church of God here this year.—Your brother in Christ, F. C. Coulston.

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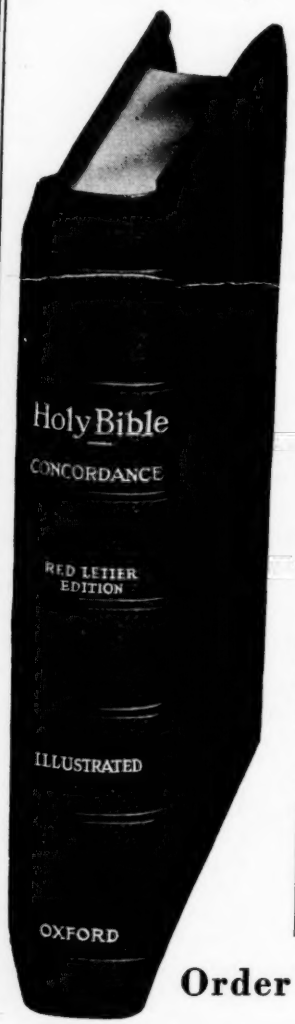

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